

F.A.Q. What's In? What's Out?

Hawaii Beverage Container Deposit Program



1. What beverages are considered “in” and subject to the deposit?

If it meets the following criteria it is considered “in” and will need to be labeled with the 5¢ deposit:

Beverage type

All nonalcoholic drinks – i.e. soda, water, juice, tea, coffee

Limited alcoholic drinks – i.e. beer, malt beverages, mixed spirits, mixed wine

Container material type

Metal, glass, or plastic (only plastics  - look for these symbols on bottom of the plastic container)

Container size

64 fluid ounces or less

2. Are beverages that come in pouches or cardboard containers “in”?

No. These containers are not covered under the law.

Example	Reason
Capri Sun Fruit Drink	Multi-material type pouch
Juicy Juice	Cardboard type container

3. What are some examples of what is “in”?

Beverage	Example (these are only examples – not a complete list)
Soda	Coke, Pepsi, Blue Sky, Hansens, Collins Schwepps
Water	Menehune, Dasani, Crystal Lake, Evian
Juice	Hawaiian Sun, Aloha Maid, V8, Odwalla, Ocean Spray, Martinelli's
Coffee & Tea	Kona Latte, Starbucks Frappuccino, Brisk Tea, Nestea
Sport Drink	Gatorade, Cytomax, Powerbar Performance
Drink Mix	Margarita, Pina Colada, Daiquiri, Sweet and Sour Mixes
Wine Cooler	Bartles and Jaymes
Beer	Kona Brewing Co., Hinano, Coors, Budweiser, Miller
Malt Beverage	Smirnoff Twister, Mike's Hard Lemonade

4. What are some examples of what is “out”?

Beverage	Example (these are only examples – not a complete list)
Milk	Whole, 2%, 1%, skim, chocolate milk
Wine	Red, white, alcohol free wine
Spirit	Brandy, gin, rum, tequila, vodka, whiskey, scotch
Liqueur	Amaretto, Cordial, Irish Cream, Crème de Menthe
Medical Food	Pedialyte, Brite Life, ChoiceDM, Citrona, Infalyte, Jevity
Infant Formula	Enfamil Lacto-Free, Similac, Isomil Soy Formula with Iron
Concentrate	Any frozen or powder concentrate you add water to in order to drink
Syrup	Any syrup you add water to in order to drink.

Deposit Beverage Container Defined in Law	
Deposit Beverage	Means beer, ale, or other drink produced by fermenting malt, mixed spirits, mixed wine, tea and coffee drinks regardless of dairy-derived product content, soda, or noncarbonated water, and all nonalcoholic drinks in liquid form and intended for internal human consumption that is contained in a deposit beverage container.
The term "deposit beverage" excludes the following:	<p>(1) A liquid which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) A syrup; (B) In a concentrated form; or (C) Typically added as a minor flavoring ingredient in food or drink, such as extracts, cooking additives, sauces, or condiments; <p>(2) A liquid which is a drug, medical food or infant formula as defined by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. §301 et seq.);</p> <p>(3) A liquid which is designed and consumed only as a dietary supplement and not as a beverage as defined in the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-417);</p> <p>(4) Products frozen at the time of sale to the consumer, or, in the case of institutional users such as hospitals and nursing homes, at the time of sale to the users;</p> <p>(5) Products designed to be consumed in a frozen state;</p> <p>(6) Instant drink powders;</p> <p>(7) Seafood, meat, or vegetable broths, or soups, but not juices; and</p> <p>(8) Milk and all other dairy-derived products, except tea and coffee drinks with trace amounts of these products.</p>
Deposit Beverage Container	Means the individual, separate, sealed glass, polyethylene terephthalate, high density polyethylene, or metal container less than or equal to sixty-four fluid ounces, used for containing, at the time of sale to the consumer, a deposit beverage intended for use or consumption in this State.

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